Induction of Akash and Trisul

1253. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that induction of surface to air missiles 'Akash' and 'Trisul' has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) its impact on technological obsolescence in the combat capabilities of Indian Air Force;

(d) whether the DRDO are facing problem in completion of the project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reason for delay is the time taken for realization of state-of-the-art technology for guidance and propulsion.

(c) As these missiles are based on state-of-the-art technologies, these will enhance the combat capabilities of Indian Air Force.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Chief of Defence Staff

1254. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are intending to create a post of Chief of Defence Staff in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof togetherwith the duty, authority and responsibility of the Chief of Defence Staff; and

(c) the procedure for selection of the post, duration of the services and salary and allowances payable to him?